

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 607

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jacob Tipton on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing boys and young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Jacob Tipton, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on March 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure in scouting, Mr. Tipton has demonstrated considerable ability and maturity as a role model among his peers; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 285 includes numerous Merit Badges and distinguished service in several leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, his Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, with the help of his fellow scouts, Mt. Carmel Public Works volunteers, and family and friends, Jacob performed his Eagle project with great success, expanding a walking trail at the Mt. Carmel City Park; and

WHEREAS, Jacob's Eagle project began at an existing bridge that led to nowhere; Mr. Tipton continued the trail across the bridge, extending it up eighteen stairs dug out of the hillside, continuing it for another 200 yards, and making it cross another small bridge before looping back to the main trail; and

WHEREAS, Jacob created the trail from mulch and railroad ties, giving more than 300 hours of his time to this incredible task and, as a result, greatly benefiting the town of Mt. Carmel, its residents, and everyone else who will have the privilege of enjoying the new trail; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tipton's many impressive achievements, including this latest honor, are a source of great pride for his parents, Charles and Laura Tipton, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize Jacob Tipton as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jacob Tipton on becoming an Eagle Scout, commend him on completing an excellent Eagle project, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.